



## Cherrise Brown

Cherrise Brown has been a volunteer since she was young. Her aunt was employed in Aging Services in California, and Cherrise would go with her to health fairs, shot clinics, and outreach activities. She learned to love “helping out” while there.

At college, Cherrise shined as a Youth Advocate volunteer, working to create legislation and political change to help former foster youth with professional and workforce development. She developed a strong interest in advocacy as she worked with legislators and local leaders. She served as an advocate in the California foster care system for 7 years.

With her background in public relations and communications, Cherrise has a strong ability to connect with others. She is so outgoing and relatable that people are quickly comfortable in working with her. She became a powerful and passionate leader as she took initiative in political advocacy and change.

When she moved to Nevada, Cherrise switched from career coaching to working with seniors and people with disabilities. Currently, she works in the Nevada No Wrong Door/Nevada Care Connection system at Jewish Family Services Agency, which covers Clark, Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln Counties. While new to the aging and disability field, her work is still near and dear to her heart because she also helps members of her own family who struggle with disabilities. Since she loves to give back, serve, and help others, her new position may allow her to advocate for others more than ever before.

As a former foster youth herself, Cherrise understands the challenges that foster youth face while entering the adult population. She had the support of a wonderful mentor since she was 19 years old. Her mentor had a big role in helping guide and shape Cherrise into who she is today.

With the heavy interest in policy and legislative advocacy, you might not expect her very comical nature and how she can lighten up a situation. She is very passionate about being involved in positive change and taking initiative when opportunities present themselves. Cherrise says that learning leadership skills is one of the ways she wants to grow.